

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Wednesday, May 4, 2005 9:00 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nofs, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Drolet, Emmons, Garfield, LaJoy, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Moore, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Dillon, Murphy, Mayes, Hunter, Hopgood, Clemente. (18/19)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Huizenga. (1/19)

Representative Garfield made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of April 27, 2005, supported by Representative Accavitti. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

Chair Nofs announced that the agenda for this meeting would include a number of presentations regarding energy efficiency and clean technology.

The following individuals spoke to the Committee:

Steve Chester, Director, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)

Topic: Edge 2 Initiative and Executive Directive 2005-4

Greg White, Legislative Liaison, Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC)

Topic: The role of MPSC in Alternative Energy

Tino Breithaupt, Vice President, Technology Tri-Corridor, Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)

Topic: MEDC/NextEnergy Partnership Initiative

Martin Kushler, PhD, Utilities Program Director, American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy

Topic: Michigan's Energy Crisis & the Importance of Energy Efficiency

Why Energy Efficiency Must be a Top Policy Priority

Jim Croce, CEO, NextEnergy

Topic: Alternative Energy Options

Technology and Policy Overview

Why Incentive Alternative Energy?

Mark Tholke, Senior Associate for Regulatory Affairs, General Electric Wind Division

Topic: Alternative Wind Energy

Rural Economic Development – Jobs

Loch McCabe, President, Shepherd Advisors

Topic: Michigan's Emerging Clean Technology Landscape
Clean Technology

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Questions and discussion followed each presentation.

Representative Accavitti made a motion to excuse absent members, supported by Representative Proos. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nofs declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:58 a.m.

Representative Mike Nofs, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk
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